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ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN DENTAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dental Council of India has expressed deep concern over decline in the academic standards of dental colleges in the country;

(b) it so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for upgrading the standards of the Dental Colleges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) There is acute shortage of teaching faculty, causing concern. In order to overcome this problem and also in the interest of maintaining the highest standard of dental education in the country, the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Dental Council of India, allowed the engagement of teaching faculty between the ages of 65 to 70 for teaching posts.

Further, as per revised MDS Course Regulations, 2007, part-time teaching faculty are also eligible provided they put in four hours a day and can have only one PG student under them.

The Dental Council of India conducts inspections of the Dental Colleges from time to time for verification of the teaching and infrastructural facilities to ensure that the minimum facilities are available in dental colleges.